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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Private Motor Vehicle Safety

We are losing far too many Airmen to Private Motor Vehicle (PMV) mishaps. Last fiscal year, 47 Airmen were killed in motor vehicles, with 20 of those fatalities occurring on motorcycles. This is nearly eight times the total number of Airmen killed in aviation mishaps, including combat operations, during the same time period. Our goal from this year forward is ZERO Airmen lost in preventable PMV mishaps.

All Air Force Airmen should operate motor vehicles in a responsible manner. This includes the wearing of seatbelts, obeying posted speed limits, and avoiding distractions while driving. AFI 91-207, *The Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, clearly outlines safety requirements for operators and passengers of PMVs. Every Airman must understand the AFI requirements apply both on- and off-duty.

In addition to following the rules of the road, all Airmen must also understand that failure to take personal responsibility will result in their being held accountable for their actions. Commanders will ensure personnel are aware of AFI requirements and enforce compliance. Violations by military personnel are punishable under the UCMJ and may also be considered misconduct during line of duty determinations.

We cannot tolerate reckless operation of motor vehicles by Air Force personnel. Reckless operation may jeopardize the benefits members/beneficiaries receive following a mishap. Supervisors will ensure military and civilian personnel understand the implications of poor decisions and the importance of compliance. Your full participation and support is imperative as we move forward to reduce injuries, save lives, and preserve our most important asset—our Airmen.

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Michael B. Donley
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